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SRI P. T. RAJAN : My point is this. The incidents such as the one reported in Kodambakkam could not have taken place at least if the railway officials had been provided with fire-arms. At least, they could have effectively scared away the culprits.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have no doubt that the hon. Member will agree with me that fire-arms should not be provided to anyone unless he is trained to use them in a proper manner. If a driver is provided with fire-arms in the manner suggested by the hon. Member, I am not sure that the driver who will be doing his normal work will also be able to use the fire-arm correctly. I do not know whether it is a desirable thing.

Modakuruchi Block Development area

* 21 Q.—SRI K. M. RAMASAMY GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is fact that the staff in the Modakuruchi Block Development area, Erode taluk, live outside the area in Erode and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps, if any, taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon the Chief Minister) : (a) No. All the members of the staff of Modakuruchi block reside either in Modakuruchi or in one of its hamlets.

(b) Does not arise.

Fertilizer Advisory Committee

* 22 Q.—SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have constituted a Fertilizer Advisory Committee; and

(b) if so, the names of members and the functions of the Committee?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The answer [a] is placed on the table of the House.

Nurses in the College of Integrated Medicine

* 23 Q.—SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether the nurses employed in the College of Integrated Medicine, Madras, are given any refresher courses in Indigenous Medicine?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : No, Sir. But they are eligible to undergo Refresher Courses in modern medicine like the nurses and head-nurses of other hospitals.

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 283 infra.